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Applicant:	Gary Ruvkun et al.	Art Unit:	1636
Serial No.:	09/844,353	Examiner:	S. Kaushal
Filed:	April 27, 2001	Customer No.:	21559
Title:	THERAPEUTIC AND DIAGNOSTIC TOOLS FOR IMPAIRED GLUCOSE TOLERANCE CONDITIONS		

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The application is a non-provisional application that was filed on or after June 8, 1995.

This request is being submitted after the filing of a Notice of Appeal and thus is to be considered as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution.

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For the submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, Applicants request entry of the amendment set forth in Applicants' reply to final Office Action, which was submitted on March 18, 2004, a copy of which is enclosed.

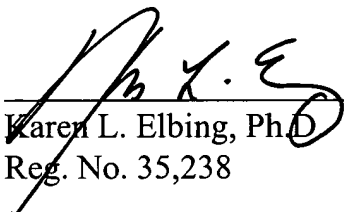
A telephonic interview with the undersigned is hereby requested.

Also enclosed is a check for \$385.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), a Petition for the Extension of Time for one month, and a check in the amount of \$55.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1).

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Respectfully submitted,

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